

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA**

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LPG AGENCIES IN BIHAR

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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of LPG agencies and Petrol Pumps functioning in Bihar and Uttar Pradesh at present, separately ;
- (b) the number of LPG agencies and petrol pumps to be set up in those States during the next few years ; (
- (c) whether complaints of irregularities at Petrol Pumps and LPG Agencies in Bihar and U.P. have been received by the Union Government in the past few months ;
- (d) if so, the action taken on such complaints; and
- (e) the extent to which LPG Agencies and petrol pumps in the States are sufficient to meet the demand ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) : At present, in Bihar 777 Retail Outlets and 159 LPG distributorships of Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies are operating. Similarly, 2314 Retail Outlets and 683 LPG distributorships are operating in Uttar Pradesh.

(b) : Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies have planned to set up 282 Retail Outlets and 169 LPG distributorships in the State of Bihar under various marketing plans. Similarly, in Uttar Pradesh, 362 Retail Outlets and 591 LPG distributorships have been planned.

(c) and (d) : Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies have investigated the complaints received against the LPG distributors and dealers and appropriate action in terms of Dealership Agreement / Marketing Discipline Guidelines have been taken against the erring distributors / dealers.

(e) : It is expected that after the commissioning of LPG distributorships / Retail Outlets as per the approved marketing plan of the Government, the demand of LPG /MS/HSD in the state will be met in full.